

WEATHER

Fair tonight, with increasing cloudiness and rising temperature Saturday; moderate winds.

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BLAST KILLS SCORE

Over 300 Tons of Dynamite Explode at Baltimore.

FORTY IN HARBOR INJURED

Steamer Alum Chine Destroyed. Tug and Collier Wrecked.

CITY IS DAMAGED BY SHOCK

Windows Broken, Chimneys Knocked Off Houses—Concussion Felt 100 Miles Away.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 7.—An explosion of dynamite, far-reaching and disastrous in its results, occurred in the lower harbor of Baltimore this morning, when more than 300 tons of the explosive, being loaded on board the British steamer Alum Chine, blew up.

Six on Tug Atlantic Killed.

Six on the tug Atlantic, lying alongside the Alum Chine, were killed and the tug practically destroyed.

Entire Country Side Shaken.

The tremendous explosion shook the country for miles around. Windows were broken and chimneys knocked off houses a dozen or more miles from the scene of the disaster. At Sparrows Point a schoolhouse was partly destroyed and several children hurt.

Bodies Drawn From Wreckage.

Scores of vessels hurried to the scene of the disaster to render what aid they could. Floating bodies were drawn from the wreckage, and some of the injured were rescued from the floating debris.

Fire When They See Smoke.

Suddenly a puff of smoke came from the hold of the ship. One of the crew noticed it and appreciating the danger of igniting dynamite, he ran to the deck, followed by a panic-stricken crew or as many as had time to escape from the lower part of the ship.

Air Filled With Debris.

When the fleeing launch was 200 feet from the Alum Chine the explosion came. There was a deafening roar as hundreds of tons of burning metal fragments shot out from every portion of the vessel and the air was filled with falling debris.

Flying Dynamite Explodes.

The flying debris included still unexploded boxes of dynamite, and it is believed that the falling of these on the decks of the Alum Chine and the tug Atlantic was responsible for the terrible damage and loss of life.

Pitiable Scenes on Wharf.

Pitiable scenes were enacted on the wharf when the tugs bearing the dead and injured arrived there. Hundreds of women and children, with hands and fathers work on the water, crying and wringing their hands, begged to be allowed to see if any of their loved ones were among the victims.

Up to Mid-afternoon No Definite Figures.

Up to mid-afternoon no definite figures of the number of casualties could be obtained, but it was said that the least fifty men had been killed and as many more injured.

Shock Felt 100 Miles Away.

PHILADELPHIA, March 7.—The dynamite explosion near Baltimore was remarkable for the great distance the shock of the blast was felt. At Coatesville, Pa., the windows in the high school rattled, startling the students.

The Shock Interrupted the Proceedings.

of the lower house of the Delaware legislature at Dover, the speaker remarking: "That must have been an earthquake."

VICE INQUIRY IS ON

Illinois Senate Committee Hears Business Men.

QUIZED AS TO WAGES

Connection Between Poor Pay and Wrongdoing Sought.

YOUNG GIRL ON THE STAND

Declares Employees of Big Store Help One Another to Get Along in World.

CHICAGO, March 7.—Leading merchants of Chicago were called before the state senate's vice investigation committee today in an endeavor to ascertain what connection there is between low wages paid to women and the vices of the underworld.

It is asserted by Lieut. Gov. Barratt O'Hara that in Chicago alone 30,000 women are employed at average of \$3 a week or less, and that many of them for that reason enter evil paths.

Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears, Roebuck & Co., testified that his company employs 4,732 women and girls, whose average wage is \$12.12 a week. The lowest salary of \$3 is given to girls sixteen years of age. After three months they are advanced to \$3.50. The company hires only girls who live at home. The concern employs 1,455 girls and women who receive less than \$3 a week.

Rosenwald, a broad-shouldered, quietly clad man, peered intently through heavy-lensed spectacles at the committee. He appeared to be on the road to recovery and had made plans for a trip to Atlantic City. She was to have left for the New Jersey resort within a few days to recuperate.

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Her Visits in Europe.

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BUSY ORGANIZING OFFICES.

Secretaries Redfield and Wilson Getting Departments Into Shape.

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RITES FOR THE DEAD

Funeral of Mrs. Mary T. Leiter Tomorrow Afternoon.

SERVICES TO BE PRIVATE

Prominent Member of Washington Social Set Dies of Apoplexy.

HER ESTATE WORTH \$30,000,000

Family Home Formerly Scene of Many Hospitable Functions. Two Daughters Abroad.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Theresa Leiter, widow of Lord Z. Leiter, who died suddenly about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon of apoplexy at her home, 1300 New Hampshire avenue, will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, at the residence, Rev. Roland Cotton-Smith, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church officiating. The services, which will be private, will be in Rock Creek cemetery, where Mrs. Leiter's husband is buried.

Mrs. Leiter was stricken while at luncheon and death ensued within a few minutes. Dr. J. B. Gregg Curtis was in the house at the time but his efforts to revive her were unavailing. Joseph Leiter, Mrs. Leiter's son, was summoned from his office. He reached the Dupont Circle home after his mother's death.

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Mrs. Leiter seemed to be in good health yesterday morning when she arose, but remained in her room with a trained nurse who had been in attendance since her recent illness. About 1 o'clock Mrs. Leiter ordered her lunch brought to her room. She had just started the meal when she was stricken.

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Secretary Bryan Has Invested Himself With an Official Silk Hat, the First He Has Ever Worn.

'MOTHER' JONES ON TRIAL

With Fifty Others, She Is Charged With Conspiracy in West Virginia Riots.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 7.

"Mother" Jones, the labor leader, and fifty other persons, charged before the military commission with conspiracy in connection with the rioting in Paint Creek section of the Kanawha coal field, were placed on trial before the commission today at Paint Creek Junction. Another charge is that they were concerned in the killing of Fred O. Babbitt, a bookkeeper, shot dead in the fighting at Hicklov.

INSISTED UPON AERIAL TEST.

Roumania Demanded Fatal Flight by Aviator G. F. F. England.

LONDON, March 7.—The request in the case of George F. F. England, the British aviator, who was killed Wednesday by a fall from his monoplane at Salisbury plain, brought out important evidence yesterday.

In a recent letter to his mother, England

complained that Prince Antonescu, who was acting in behalf of the Roumanian government, wanted him to test a monoplane intended for the Roumanian army, in unsuitable weather. This he refused to do. England concluded his letter by saying: "Apparently they don't mind if we get our necks broken, so long as the prince is satisfied."

The evidence showed that the Roumanian

authorities have been pressing for the delivery of the machine, and that an order had been given by the manufacturers that the tests were to be completed by March 6, whatever the weather conditions. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

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FACES A CRUEL CHARGE

French General Ordered Under Arrest; Accused of Abandoning Wounded Men.

PARIS, March 7.—Gen. Franchet d'Esperey,

commander of one of the French columns in Morocco, has been ordered under arrest by the military commission today. The general is accused of abandoning a number of wounded French soldiers during a march toward Danfous.

The wounded men, together with their

guard of six men, disappeared and nothing has since been heard of them. Gen. Franchet d'Esperey is accused by the newspaper of first ordering the chief of the column to abandon the wounded, and then, according to a dispatch today to the socialist newspaper, Humanite, for having abandoned a number of wounded French soldiers during a march toward Danfous.

Seven frame houses on Minnesota

avenue near Quarles street northeast, Kenilworth, were ablaze at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. The fire started in a house at one end of the row, and the high wind soon drove the flames to the others. An alarm was sent in, and when the engines reached the scene a second was sounded, bringing out several additional companies.

One of the houses was occupied by W.

R. Zirkle. The houses are opposite the Steel mill.

Servis Gets \$6,000,000 Loan.

GENEVA, Switzerland, March 7.—The Servian government today negotiated a loan of \$6,000,000 at 7 1/2 per cent, with a Swiss banking group. The money is to be repaid within three months after the signature of peace between the Balkan allies and Turkey.

ICE FIELD IS MOVING.

Conditions at Duluth Indicate Early Opening of Lake Traffic.

DULUTH, Minn., March 7.—The enormous field of ice outside the harbor has commenced under a steady northwest wind, to move out into the lake, and an early opening of navigation is predicted. A report of ice conditions of the entire great lakes, compiled here, shows that in many of the ports the ice is of great thickness, though not heavy as a year ago.

HER FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Queen Mother Alexandra Landed in Britain Half Century Ago.

LONDON, March 7.—Today was the fiftieth anniversary of the landing in Great Britain of Queen Mother Alexandra, then a Danish princess. In accordance with the expressed desire of her majesty, the occasion was observed quietly.

The lord mayor and corporation of the

city of London went to Marlborough House to present an address to her majesty on behalf of the citizens of London, while the mayor of Windsor and the mayor of Margate (where she first came ashore) offered their official congratulations.

Many members of the diplomatic corps

called at Marlborough House in the course of the day.